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Malheur National Forest opens additional areas previously closed in the Canyon Creek Complex

JOHN DAY, OR –Closures associated with the Canyon Creek Complex continue to be reduced as fire containment lines are strengthened and suppression activities decline.

This most recent reduction, effective Friday, September 11 at 6:00 a.m., provides access to Parish Cabin and Starr Ridge Campgrounds on the Malheur National Forest. While the campgrounds are being open to support the influx of hunters in the area, closures are still in effect for the areas surrounding the campgrounds.

Additionally, Forest Road 15 will be open to through traffic.

The Strawberry Mountain Wilderness remains closed to public entry in addition to some adjacent non-wilderness areas where fire-fighters and large equipment continue work to mop-up hot spots, tie in fire lines, and strengthen contingency lines. As progress continues to be made, it is anticipated additional areas will be opened.

“The arrival of hunting season has brought increased interest in accessing the fire area to set up camps and scout for big game,” said Steve Beverlin, Forest Supervisor. “We understand and appreciate the importance of these activities and are reviewing the situation daily to take advantage of opportunities to open more areas.”

The forest also wants to remind hunters that it is their responsibility to know which areas are open for their use and which areas remain closed both related to the current fires and previous closure orders.

Current Forest Orders and maps are available at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/home/?cid=stelprd3845529>.

Closure description effective Friday, September 11, 2015:

- The interior of an area bordered by and beginning at Forest Road (FR) 4900 (Laycock Creek Road) and the Malheur National Forest (MNF) boundary
- South along FS 4900 to FS 4900-333
- East along FS 4900-333 to State Highway 395, excluding the developed footprint of Starr Ridge Campground
- South along Hwy. 395 to forest boundary in T16S R31E Sec. 5



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- East along forest boundary to FR 1600
- East on FR 1600 to FR 1600-815, excluding the developed footprint of Parish Cabin Campground
- North on FR 1600-815 to FR 1648-307
- East on FR 1648-307 to Big Creek
- North along Big Creek to Strawberry Mountain Wilderness boundary
- East and north along Strawberry Mountain Wilderness boundary to junction with forest boundary in NW corner of T14S R33.5E Sec. 21
- West along forest boundary to forest boundary at FR 4900

This area description does not include, nor close, areas of private property within the proclamation boundary of the Malheur National Forest which may be made at the discretion of the Grant County Sheriff.

Road descriptions effective Friday, September 11, 2015:

- Forest Road (FR) 6001
- FR 5401
- All road sections within the boundaries of the Area Closure

This closure does not include roads making up the exterior boundaries of the Area Closure nor FR 1500 within the area closure.

For information about the Canyon Creek Complex, please refer to the following resources:

- Fire Information: (541) 820-3643 or (541) 820-3633
- Email Address: canyoncreekcomplex@gmail.com
- Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/canyoncreekfireoregon and www.facebook.com/malheurnationalforest
- Malheur NF www.fs.usda.gov/malheur/
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MalheurNF>

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